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- a. This consists of the following departments:

- 1) General and Mobilization Department
- 2) Technical Department
- 3) Transport Department

- b. The Military Bureau is formally subordinate to the Transport and Supply Department of the General Staff but in actual fact is subordinate to the Soviet authorities, who, through the Polish General Staff, have complete control in preparing the Polish State Railways for mobilization in case of necessity.
- c. Recently there has been a noticeable increase of activity in the Military Bureau with regard to matters concerning traffic capacity, state and quantity of rolling stock, condition of tracks, etc.
- d. Each Area Railway Administration (Dyrekcja Kolejowa, DOKP) has a Military Department (Wydział Wojskowy). This has sections corresponding to the department in the Military Bureau. (See para. 1 above). Military Departments of DOKP are directly subordinate to the Military Bureau.
- e. At each Military Department of DOKP there is one representative of the Soviet authorities, either a Soviet officer serving in the Polish Army or a civilian official dealing with Soviet transit traffic.

2. Railway Guard Service (Sluzba Ochrony Kolej - SOK)

SOK now numbers approximately 30,000. Railway Militia and UB (Public Security) units are now also guarding railway lines and objectives. These forces number approximately 50,000 and, in the opinion of the Polish General Staff, are required because of uncertainty of the political loyalty of railway personnel, although most of them are now PPR members. Sabotage carried out by railway and/or technical personnel could stop all railway transports through Poland to and from the USSR.

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